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IMPLICATIONS OF GLOBAL TRADE AGREEMENT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have urged the World Health Organisation (WHO) to provide assistance to overcome the implications of global trade agreements on the health of people; and

(b) if so, the extent to which the concrete steps taken by the Government to urge the WHO to help India in health sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (b) A Regional Consultation was held by WHO along with its member countries in August 1999, where the member countries requested the WHO to provide technical assistance in monitoring the impact of implementing multilateral trade agreements and assist them in sharing evidence based information with all parties concerned.

Subsequently, in a meeting of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia held in September 2000, it was recommended by the member countries, including India that WHO should enhance its dialogue with WTO as well as regularly provide member countries with relevant information on procedures, implications and experiences on various aspects of trade negotiations.